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SUBJ: HINDUSTAN STANDARD DEFENDS CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY PL 480  
SCIENTIFIC PROJECT

1. DURING THE "ANTI-FASCIST CONFERENCE" HELD IN CALCUTTA IN  
THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER, PROFESSOR NIRMALYA BAGCHI OF CALCUTTA  
UNIVERSITY, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS A FORMER CPI MEMBER, CHARGED  
THAT THE UNIVERSITY WAS COOPERATING WITH THE CIA AND THE US AIR  
FORCE. BAGCHI SAID THE CIA WAS CHANNELING FUNDS INTO THE WORLD  
UNIVERSITY SERVICE CENTER, APPARENTLY A STUDENT AID TYPE  
ORGANIZATION, AND POINTED THE FINGER AT THE UNIVERSITY'S RADIO  
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT FOR CARRYING OUT A PL 480 PROJECT IN COOPERA-  
TION WITH THE US AIR FORCE'S ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH CENTER IN  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. THERE FOLLOWED STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE  
UNIVERSITY AND A CATEGORICAL DENIAL BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES  
THAT IT WAS GETTING FUNDS FROM THE CIA IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.  
THE UNIVERSITY, HOWEVER, DID NOT DENY ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE  
PL 480 US AIR FORCE RESEARCH PROJECT AND APPARENTLY THE CPI HAS  
CONTINUED TO ATTACK IT FOR BEING IN THE SERVICE OF THOSE GUILTY

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OF DROPPING NAPALM ON THE DEFENSELESS PEASANTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

WE RECENTLY SENT TRANSLATIONS OF PRESS ARTICLES ON THIS SUBJECT  
TO THE EMBASSY SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE.

2. WE WERE INTERESTED TO FIND A RINGING DEFENSE OF THE RADIO PHYSICS DEPARTMENT AND THE PL 480 PROJECT IN QUESTION IN THE MAIN FEATURE ARTICLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE HINDUSTAN STANDARD'S SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 EDITION. ARTICLE SAYS THAT WHEN IN 1970 THE USSR LAUNCHED ITS SATELLITES IN THE MOLNIYA SERIES RADIO PHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY "LOST NO TIME IN GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, ALMOST BEGGING THEM TO SEND DOWN DATA CONCERNING THE FREQUENCY AND POSITION OF THE MOLNIYA SIGNALS." SOVIETS FAILED TO REPLY SO WHEN US PUT SATELLITES INTO ORBIT OVER AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN, RADIO PHYSICS DEPARTMENT APPROACHED US AUTHORITIES. ARTICLE CAREFULLY EXPLAINS THAT USG WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE BUT FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH PL 480 AND ONLY IF A US SPONSOR COULD BE FOUND, THAT USAF WAS READY TO SPONSOR, AND THAT USAF PROGRAM INVOLVED IS PURELY SCIENTIFIC NOT MILITARY. SAYS INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE RADIO PHYSICS DEPARTMENT IS SIMPLY PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS AND NOT SUBMITTED THROUGH ANY OTHER CHANNELS TO USAF. ARTICLE CLOSES WITH CONDEMNATION OF THE CPI FOR TRYING "TO DRAG INTO CONTROVERSY IMPORTANT NAMES AND IMPORTANT CENTER OF LEARNING..."

3. COPY OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE.

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